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YAKUTAT DUNGENESS CRAB FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

COMMERCIAL AND PERSONAL USE SEASONS TO REMAIN CLOSED

Petersburg... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) reminds fishermen that the commercial and personal use fisheries for Dungeness crab in Registration Area D (Yakutat) will remain closed. The commercial fishery has been closed since 2000 after being designated as collapsed and recovering by the Alaska Board of Fisheries. A survey of the Yakutat Area Dungeness stock conducted in May 2004 showed no signs of stock recovery. Based on results of this survey the Yakutat Area sport and personal use Dungeness fisheries were closed in late 2004.

The department will survey the Yakutat Area Dungeness stock in June 2012. Results from this survey will be analyzed over the summer. Any change to the status of commercial and personal use fisheries for Dungeness crab in the Yakutat Area will be announced in a subsequent news release.

The emergency orders corresponding with this announcement are 1C0800 and 1C1312.

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